

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No.:	5,603,248
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Title:	MAGNETIC BIT HOLDER AND HAND TOOL INCORPORATING SAME

As below named inventors, we declare as follows:

2. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. patent no. 5,603,248 (the "Original Patent") and in the above-captioned application for reissue of the Original Patent.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

5. The original patent is inoperative or invalid by reason of our claiming less than we had a right to claim in the Original Patent.

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6. Specifically, we claimed less than we had a right to claim in that claim 1 of the Original Patent is unduly narrow in reciting: a body which is "cylindrical" and has "an axis"; that the bore formed in the body is "axial" and is "terminating at an inner end surface" and that the inner end surface is "cooperating" with the retaining member to retain said magnet therebetween; that the magnet is "permanent"; that the retaining member is included in "retaining structure in contact with the outer surface of said magnet and interference fitted in said bore"; and that the retaining member is "imperforate." Accordingly, new independent claims 17 and 24 have been added, which are similar to claim 1 except that they delete the above-quoted limitations and substitute therefor a limitation that the retaining member is either substantially covering said outer surface of said magnet (claim 17) or having a continuous, closed, non-reentrant outer periphery (claim 24).

7. All errors which are being corrected in this application, including the foregoing errors, occurred without any deceptive intent on our part.

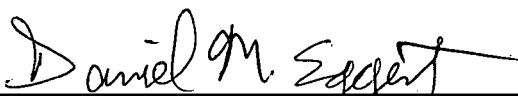
8. We appoint EMRICH & DITHMAR, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Paul L. Brown (Reg. No. 27,184), James J. Hill (Reg. No. 24,287), Harold V. Stotland (Reg. No. 24,492), Harry M. Levy (Reg. No. 24,248), J. Terry Stratman (Reg. No. 25,165), Thomas E. Hill (Reg. No. 28,955), Howard S. Fuhrman (Reg. No. 33,175) and

Jonathan J. Krit (37,164), as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

9. We request that all correspondence in respect to this application be directed to EMRICH & DITHMAR, Suite 3000, 300 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, whose telephone number is 312-663-9800.

10. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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